



PATENT
Atty. Docket No. ACS-54804 (23571)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:) Examiner: Not Assigned Yet.
 Ainsworth, et al.) Group Art Unit: Not Assigned Yet
 Serial No.: Not Assigned Yet) Application Express Mail Label No.
 Filed: December 22, 2000 (No Filing Date) EL691914024US - Mailed 12/22/00
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 For: INTRAVASCULAR STENT) Document: EL 737699338 US
) June 4, 2001

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10(e) FOR APPLICATION FILING DATE

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for a filing date of December 22, 2000, for the above-referenced application. The application was filed by applicants' attorney, using Express Mail under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.10(a). No response has been received from the Patent Office -- not a return postcard nor a filing receipt. Applicants' attorney believes that the application has been lost in the Patent Office, because the United States Postal Service has verified that the Patent Office received the application on December 26, 2000.

Attached are copies of the papers that were sent to the Patent Office by Express Mail on December 22, 2000. They are:

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1. Copy of Acknowledgment Postcard;
2. Two pages of Form PTO-1082;
3. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i);
4. The twenty-six (26) page Application of Stephen D. Ainsworth and E Tina Cheng on an Intravascular stent; and
5. Seven (7) sheets of drawings.

Also attached is a photocopy of the Express Mail mailing receipt for the application, Label No. EL 691914024US. That number is identified on the papers that were filed with the Patent Office.

It should be noted that the Application was filed with missing parts, and applicants' attorney is prepared to file those missing parts upon receipt of a request to file missing parts from the Patent Office.

Attached is the Declaration of Jane E. Barnett regarding the preparation and mailing of the patent application. Ms. Barnett prepared the application for mailing. She gave it to the clerical staff of Fulwider Patton Lee & Utecht, LLP, who then mailed it. Evidence of the mailing includes the mailing receipt and the page from the Fulwider Patton log (copy attached) that documents every Express Mail mailing to the Patent Office. Ms. Barnett's declaration also attests to her preparation and maintenance of the file folder in which the attachments to this Petition have been maintained. In addition, as the Declaration of Ms. Barnett states, on March 22, 2001, she conferred with the United States Postal Service and was told that the package with the patent application's tracking number was delivered to the Patent Office on December 26, 2000.

This Petition is being filed promptly. After not receiving a return postcard that was included with the application, applicants' attorney waited a reasonable time to receive a filing receipt for the application. No filing receipt has ever been received. Approximately five months have passed since the application was filed, and applicants' attorney believes that the entire application has been lost in the Patent Office. Therefore this Petition is now being filed.

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A Petition Fee of \$130.00 is attached. The Commission is authorized to charge deposit account no. 06-2425 for any additional fees associated with this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Date	6-7-01	

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117	890	217 445 Extension for reply within third month	
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128	1,890	228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219 155 Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221 135 Request for oral hearing	
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140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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